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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PAKISTAN, CAMPAIGN AGAINST  
TERRORISM; NEW DELHI.

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reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press.  
The Mission reports on English-language media via email  
through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

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PAKISTAN  
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1. "POLITICAL CRISIS IN PAKISTAN" editorial in the March  
13 Guwahati Assamese ASAMIYA PRATIDIN. "... It seems  
Pakistan is heading for another military coup with the  
current political crisis deepening further ... The  
government's failure to curb the growing activities of  
the Taliban and the Al Qaida makes the situation more  
complicated ... Pakistan's army chief, on his return from  
the U.S., has already cautioned the Zardari government ...  
Undeniably, Pakistan now needs a strong government  
because not only its elected government but also its  
democracy is in serious danger."

2. "TALIBANISTAN" editorial in the March 13, 2009 multi-  
edition right-of-center Gujarati daily GUJARAT SAMACHAR.  
"Pakistan has now become subject of suspicion. There are  
alarming questions being raised whether Pakistan is  
victim of terrorism or is nurturing terrorism.... Pakistan  
is just shedding crocodile tears by claiming that it is  
itself suffering from this menace. The fact of the  
matter is that Pakistan has nurtured this hydra headed  
monster of terrorism over the years..... It is as a result  
of this that Taliban ultras are making swift inroads into

Pakistan. The attack on the Sri Lankan cricket team in Lahore last week is a case in point. Besides, the developments in the Swat valley indicate the beginning of Talibanization of Pakistan." A similar editorial appeared in the March 13, 2009 Gujarati daily GUJARATMITRA.

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13. "CONSPIRACY IN THE SUBCONTINENT," editorial in the March 13 left-of-center Kolkata Bengali daily, SAMBAD PRATIDIN. "A deep conspiracy is being hatched to foment widespread turbulence in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and in Sri Lanka. Which forces are playing behind the scene to make the situation complicated? ... This issue should be raised in the international forum ... There is no reason to think that terrorists are getting cornered or their activities are confined to some regions. All the four countries need to intensify their anti-terror operations. At the same time, it is extremely important to build public awareness against terrorism."

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